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FOR: HOT-ROLLED WIRE ROD, EXCELLENT IN WIRE DRAWABILITY, ALLOWING HEAT TREATMENT PRIOR TO WIRE DRAWING TO BE OMITTED

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Support for the Amendments begin in page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.